

II. Remarks

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-2, 4-8 and 11-17 will be pending after entry of this amendment. Claims 3 and 9-10 have been withdrawn without prejudice, as they do not read on the elected species. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment.

B. Election of Species

In the Election of Species Requirement, the Examiner alleged that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I: wherein the plurality of data items comprises providing a data value (claim 3)

Species II: wherein the plurality of data items comprises providing a domain (claim 4)

Species III: wherein the plurality of data items comprises providing function items (claim 9)

Species IV: wherein the plurality of data items comprises providing a function set (claim 10)

Species V: wherein providing a domain comprises a domain home (claim 5)

Species VI: wherein providing a domain comprises a context (claim 6)

Species VII: wherein providing a domain comprises a range domain (claim 7)

Species VIII: wherein providing a domain comprises a discrete domain (claim 8)

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species II, i.e., *wherein the plurality of data items comprises providing a domain*, as recited in claim 4. Claims 3, 9 and 10 have been withdrawn without prejudice as they do not read on the elected invention. Applicants note that the Examiner alleged that claims 5-8 also recite patentably distinct species (Species V-VIII),

however Applicants submit that claims 5-8 currently read on the elected species of *wherein the plurality of data items comprises providing a domain*, and therefore have not been withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request that the non-elected species be considered upon allowance of the generic claim.

III. Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (973)597-6162. The undersigned also may be contacted via e-mail at epietrowski@lowenstein.com. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1358.

Respectfully submitted,
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